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New Jersey — Showers and warmer.

SHALL IT BE WAR FOR AMERICA?

(Text of Radio Address by Earl Browder, Communist Candidate for President)

People Must Speak Despite Election Ban, Browder Urges

Friends and Fellow Americans:

Mr. Dreiser has eloquently expressed what millions of Americans are thinking tonight. These are the thoughts which unite the Communist Party at this moment with these millions. The all-important question before our country is this: Shall America

be plunged into the catastrophe of the imperialist war?

Candidate Willkie has charged that Roosevelt is leading us into the war. That is true, terribly true. The great majority of Americans want to stop this course. But it is also true that each and every step Roosevelt has taken in this direction has received the blessings of Willkie. Are the American people such political children that we shall believe the selfsame policy with Roosevelt leads to war while with Willkie it will maintain peace? But war is the result of policy, not of mistakes of individuals. And it is policy that is dragging our country swiftly into this war.

The two leading candidates have made it impossible to choose between war and peace by choosing between them. Roosevelt has proved in action that he is rushing America into war. He is restrained for the moment by the imminent election, in which the voters would strongly resent any war moves at this moment. Indeed, we may expect some spectacular "peace gestures" this week, for the one purpose to pacify a suspicious people. But his course is fixed, and Roosevelt will go "full speed ahead" once he has his mandate.

But Willkie has pledged himself to follow the same path. Once entrenched in power, Willkie will drive ruthlessly forward the program of imperialist reaction and war which Roosevelt drives forward ruthlessly now. There is but this small difference between them: Roosevelt is already in the driver's seat all set to go, while Willkie wants to occupy that same seat. To choose Willkie might mean, at most, to gain that time occupied in changing drivers, a few weeks or months at best. Truly a miserable choice for the sovereign American voters!

The radical remedy needed for this situation is a Labor Party. This is now too late for the Nov. 5th balloting, but it is not too early to speak of it for future elections, assuming that all elections will not be abolished once the country gives a "mandate" for war. For this election only the Communist Party offers a channel for the Labor Party vote, for a clear alternative policy of a reasonable, realistic, rounded-out peace policy for America.

That is why Democrats and Republicans joined in violently and illegally driving the Communist Party off the ballot in twenty-four states. They want to leave the protest vote no place to go, no way to vote except for war. In Ohio and Illinois especially, where our Party is strong, they took our ticket off the ballot by force and fraud, in fear of the great anti-war vote which it would certainly have registered.

In New York, we have the shameful spectacle of Boss Flynn, campaign manager for Mr. Roosevelt, openly boasting that the Communist Party would be kept off the ballot to force its vote to go to Roosevelt, and then the courts obediently carried out his instructions; this is done in the face of a fourfold compliance with legal requirements of petition signatures, and in face of the fact that the Communist Party only lost its permanent place on the ballot because in 1938, it withdrew its candidate for Governor in favor of the Democrats, barely saving the State thereby from going Republican and electing Thomas E. Dewey. They pay us for that help by driving us off the ballot altogether.

A terrible and sinister blow against free elections, when minority parties, any party, is wiped off the ballot by high-handed administrative edict, by deprivation from jobs, relief, and old age pensions, by threats of concentration camps, by trumped-up prosecutions and imprisonments, like the sending of the West Virginia farmer, Oscar Wheeler, to prison for fifteen years for gathering signatures to the Communist petitions. Every country that

Greece Still Holds Back Italian Troops

People Rally to Repel Invader; Slight Gains Made at Border

ATHENS, Oct. 29 (UPI)—Greece's defending forces were reported, on the nation's second day at war, to be holding the Italian mechanized forces to scant gains along the Albanian border and there was no talk of anything but a finish fight to preserve the nation's independence.

The Greek people were rallying and vast throngs gathered in the streets as trucks and commandeered taxicabs sped through the streets to the front with soldiers.

The streets were crowded day-long with cheering crowds and thousands gathered in Constitution Square near the palace where state officers and government ministers came and went constantly.

Twenty British aviators, who had been interned in Greece after being forced down on Greek soil, were released today and were carried through the streets on the shoulders of Greeks.

A group of Venizelist officers, all crack fighters but dismissed for their part in the 1935 revolt against King George, appealed to the monarch and Premier Metaxas to put political squabbles aside and send them to the front "in this gravest hour."

REVOLT IMPEDES ITALIAN TROOPS

BELGRADE, Oct. 29 (UPI)—A spreading Albanian revolt tonight was reported to be impeding the attempt of Italian mechanized columns to strike across Greece and seize Salonika to "lock the door to the Balkans" before British forces can occupy the strategic Aegean port.

There were reports that British troops had landed at Salonika as well as on the islands of Crete, Cephalonia and Corfu, but these lacked confirmation and London denied them.

Frontier reports tonight said all of southern Albania was torn by the anti-Italian revolt, which raged fiercest in the Kavala district. Albanian rebels were said to have attacked an Italian military post at Progonat with bombs, killing four and wounding many, while other rebels cut telephone lines over the entire area including military lines between Santi Quaranti and Argirokastro.

ROME REPORTS STRONG ADVANCE

ROME, Oct. 29 (UPI)—Greek defense lines in the Kavala sector along the Albanian frontier collapsed today after a fierce 30-hour battle, and Italian mechanized forces smashed eastward toward the vital Salonika naval base on the Aegean, according to Rome dis-

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Theodore Dreiser Introduces Browder to Radio Audience-- Wants Peace, Will Vote for Browder

The following is the text of a speech by Theodore Dreiser, famous American novelist, last night at 10:45 introducing Earl Browder, Communist Candidate for President, over a national hook-up of 103 stations on the Mutual Broadcasting System. Dreiser spoke from Station KFI in Hollywood, Calif.

I am here because like millions of other Americans I don't like dictators, and I don't like to have anyone dictate to me. We are supposed to be a free people and we are supposed to have freedom of choice in an election.

I happen to know that in this particular election, we

are being robbed of that freedom of choice, tricked out of the right to decide our own destiny by the corporations and the men who own and control the industries and banks of the country.

Every man and woman in the country is concerned about whether or not we are going to be dragged into a war at a bloody cost to our people. That's what people are talking about in the cities, the towns, and at the villages,

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THEODORE DREISER

Appeals Court Upholds Ban on Free Elections, Bars New York Communist Party From Ballot

Draft Drawing Begins; First Call November 18

Mother's Stifled Screams Mark Ceremony in Capital as Son's Number Comes Up First —Fate of 17,000,000 Youth at Stake

The fate of 17,000,000 American men yesterday, and far into the night last night, was being drawn from 9,000 little blue capsules.

The drawing in Washington was accompanied by much fanfare. Newsreel cameras ground, radio announcers and

paraphernalia surrounded the scene, and flashlight bulbs exploded as Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson drew the first number. It was 158.

The newspapers were filled with columns of descriptive type about the drawings and columns of figures —numbers each meaning thousands of names and each bearing the issue of life or death for American men between the ages of 21 and 36.

Many of the newspapers used such phrases as the "democratic method" and the "free lottery."

The real human drama of life and death penetrated the elaborate show in the Departmental Auditorium in the stifled scream of a woman.

MOTHER SEES DRAWING

Mrs. Mildred C. Bell had come to see if the number of her 21-year-old son Robert would be called. It was the first one drawn by Secretary Stimson and as President Roosevelt read it aloud Mr. Bell was unable to keep back her emotion.

The New York Sun reported in a headline: "Drafted Men Stirred by Call—Common Reaction to Lottery Here Is to Regret That Fate Picked Them Out." The story underneath said:

"The common reaction of all whose numbers were drawn was to become serious and to regret that fate had picked them out.

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N. Y. CIO Backs Neither Candidate

Body Representing 400,000 Supports John L. Lewis

The Executive Board of the Greater New York Industrial Union Council, jointly with general presidents of CIO unions who are residents in New York, last night unanimously adopted a statement upholding John L. Lewis' leadership, and his criticism of President Roosevelt, but gave support to neither

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The Greater New York Council represents affiliates with a total membership estimated at 400,000. The statement follows:

"While recognizing that we as the Executive Board of the Greater New York Industrial Union Council cannot take the responsibility of endorsing either of the Presidential candidates, we declare that we support the leadership of John L. Lewis and his condemnation of the present administration.

"We hold that the committing of America to a war policy is directly defiance of the wishes of

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St. Louis Strike Wins Pact with 120 Companies

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 29—A general strike of 15,000 American Federation of Labor construction workers ended today. John J. Church, secretary of the Building Trades Council, announced the labor holiday had resulted in agreements with 120 non-union contractors in St. Louis and St. Louis County.

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NMU Supports Lewis, Backs No Candidate

Statement Declares It Will Seek Reelection of CIO Leader

The National Maritime Union will support John L. Lewis for reelection as president of the Congress of Industrial Organizations regardless of who is elected President of the United States on Nov. 5. Joseph Curran, NMU president announced yesterday.

The NMU is entitled to seven delegates at the CIO convention which will convene in Atlantic City Nov. 18.

The statement follows:

"There's one thing American seamen are clear about," Curran said, "it is the quality of John L. Lewis' leadership over the past few years, especially during the trying months following the outbreak of the second world war."

"Alone of all the major labor and political figures in this country Lewis stood out against the Roosevelt administration for the safeguarding of trade union rights and civil liberties in the defense program.

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Highest State Tribunal OK's Legion Raid on Election Rights

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The highest court of the state

sustained the arbitrary ruling of Supreme Court Justice William H. Murray which the Communist Party and liberals described as

burning the state's election into virtually a Hitler ballot.

The Court of Appeals sustained the lower court and Appellate Division on the pretense that an insufficient number of signatures was found valid in Greene County, in spite of the fact that 154 signers in that county testified that they had signed, had received Communist literature, and had talked with the canvassers on various planes of the Communist platform.

HELD AS VALID

The Court of Appeals handed down the decision in face of an opinion by the two dissenting judges in the Appellate Division who found that the "petitions plainly disclosed that they were nominations by the Communist Party" and that the disputed signatures in Greene County are "by common law valid."

In effect the two Appellate Division judges declared that there cannot be such a thing as "withdrawal" or "repudiation" of signatures as claimed by the American Legion.

The so-called "repudiations" now obtained by the high court were obtained by Legionnaires operating in storm-troop fashion by means of a concentrated and widely organized campaign of terror.

The opinion of the Court of Appeals did declare, however, that the Legion's similar case in Franklin County cannot be sustained.

The Appeals Court said:

"In our opinion the evidence does not sustain the findings that there were not fifty valid signatures in Franklin County, that we find substantial evidence to maintain the findings in regards to Greene County. All agree."

LEGION MANEUVER

The judges who put their seal to the sweeping ruling are: Chief Justice Irving Lehman, brother of Governor Lehman; Harlan W. Ripley, John T. Loughran, Edmund H. Lewis, Charles B. Sears, Edward R. Finch and Albert Conway.

Thus, 43,700 signers of petitions, for a party that drew 106,000 votes in the last statewide election, are disfranchised on a claim that in Greene County, where altogether less than 18,000 votes are cast, there were not 50 valid signatures on the petition.

The law requires that each of the state's counties must give a mini-

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Prosecutor Misinformed Witnesses in Penna. Ballot Cases, Defense Charges

Samuel A. Neuburger, defense counsel, shortly before the defense rested characterized the indictments as invalid on the grounds that they were improperly and illegally secured.

He charged the District Attorney's office with deliberately misrepresenting the facts in an effort to secure indictments against the men and women who circulated the Communist nominating petitions in Allegheny County.

The District Attorney was shown by the minutes of the Grand Jury investigation to have told petition signers that it was wrong for them to have signed a Communist petition when they were registered.

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Strike Shuts Down Republic Rubber Co. Plant

(Special to the Daily Worker)

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 29.—A startling disclosure of the methods used by the District Attorney's office in securing indictments against the 43 workers arrested here in connection with their efforts to place the Communist Party on the ballot was made today. The disclosure came shortly before the defense's last witness and indicated that the District Attorney's office had questioned Grand Jury witnesses improperly.

The local union called the strike against the advice of the Hillman leadership of the Rubber Workers International Union.

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Soviet Russia's New Flying Boat: A cantilever monoplane, designed for service in river and lake districts, photographed during one of its tests. The amphibian, which accommodates four passengers in addition to its crew, is powered by an air-cooled engine and is equipped with dual controls. Its flight range is 1,200 kilometers.

Yugoslavian Ship's Crew Saved by USSR

Rescue in Black Sea Brings Gratitude of Yugoslavian Gov't

(Wireless to the Daily Worker)
MOSCOW, Oct. 29.—A true story of the rescue of shipwrecked sailors in the Black Sea, in which Soviet aviators and seamen rescued an entire Yugoslavian ship's crew from death, has just been made public here—a bit of international brotherhood strongly contrasting with the spreading war deaths in the Balkans.

The Yugoslavian steamer Vido, carrying a cargo from Istanbul to Brailov, sank on Oct. 8 near the Rumanian coast. The vessel's crew took to lifeboats.

Later, the pilot of a Soviet hydroplane discovered and reported the drifting seamen, and a Soviet cutter was dispatched to rescue them. The crew of the Vido was brought safely to Vilkovo, a Soviet Black Sea port.

The Yugoslavian minister to Moscow, Gavrilovich called on Assistant People's Commissar of Foreign Affairs Vyshinsky on Oct. 25 and asked Vyshinsky to convey to the Government of the USSR the gratitude of the Yugoslavian Government.

British Shipping Losses Reach Record High

(Wireless to the Daily Worker)
LONDON, Oct. 29 (UP)—British shipping losses during the week ending Oct. 21 were the greatest in either this war or the last, the Admiralty revealed today in announcing the sinking of 32 ships aggregating 146,528 tons.

In April, 1917, at the peak of Germany's unrestricted submarine warfare the average weekly losses in British shipping amounted to 130,500 tons.

Naval experts attributed the sharp rise to the German use of new ocean-going submarines.

The week's losses also included seven Allied ships aggregating 24,686 tons and six neutral vessels amounting to 26,816 tons. Thus the total British, Allied and neutral losses for the week were below the weekly average of April, 1917, which was 213,000 tons.

The heavy losses boosted Britain's grand total for the war above 2,000,000 tons.

British Warmongers on Tour of South America

(Wireless to the Daily Worker)
PANAMA CITY, Oct. 29 (UP)—Col. C. G. Vickers, who visited South American capitals on a British government mission arrived last night enroute to Havana.

Although the purpose of his mission was not disclosed, it was said that Vickers was sent to South America to give British communities there a first hand picture of Great Britain's war effort.

U. S. Marine Officers In Shanghai Ordered Into Defense Area

(Wireless to the Daily Worker)
SHANGHAI, Oct. 29 (UP)—Col. DeWitt Peck, commanding the Fourth Regiment, U. S. Marines, today ordered all officers who live outside the International Settlement's American defense sector to move immediately within the American zone.

Dependents of all marines stationed here and elsewhere in China will be sent home before Nov. 15 in accord with a Navy ruling.

78 Japanese Schools Shut in Brazil Province

(Wireless to the Daily Worker)
RIO DE JANEIRO, Oct. 29 (UP)—Seventy-eight Japanese schools in the State of Sao Paulo were closed by the authorities this year, according to a dispatch published today in *O Globo*.

The report said the authorities seized school equipment, books, maps of the state of Sao Paulo, Japanese literature and photographs.

USSR Decorates Nine Red Army Technicians

Pravda Declares Honors Reveal Soviet Citizens' Love for Their Work—Awards Granted for Excellence of Achievements

(Wireless to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, Oct. 29.—"In the USSR there does not and cannot exist distinctions determined by 'noble' origin or property status," declares Pravda today in commenting on the action of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet in conferring the title of Hero of Socialist Labor on nine outstanding military technicians.

However, distinctions depending on achievements in work do exist, and the brief recital of what these nine men have accomplished in the way of designing and developing new types of armaments, in order to give the armed forces of the Soviet country weapons superior to those of any adversary, reads like a new-style scenario of high-minded adventure.

Of these nine technicians are Major General Mikhail Krupchikov and Major General Ilia Ivanov, who are both skilled specialists attached to the technical corps of the Red Army, and both hold university chairs. They are authors of brilliant designs in heavy artillery, both land and naval.

Another is Vasili Grabin, son of a worker who fought in the Civil War and graduate of a Soviet technical school. As soon as he graduated he displayed talent as a designer of artillery weapons. He is also a major general of technical troops. He has designed and perfected a number of models of artillery armament, which have proved entirely satisfactory in practice and have been adopted by the Red Army.

Another outstanding designer of weapons is Pyodor Tokarev, who has long been known as a designer of automatic infantry firearms. Tokarev is now of venerable age, but he still continues tirelessly to work at the designing of new types of weapons for the Red Army.

"Such are the new Heroes of Socialist Labor, devoted sons of the Homeland of Socialism. Together with them ceaselessly work large detachments of designers, inventors, stakhanovites. It is from the midst of these cadres of designers, of Soviet intellectuals, of innovators in technique, that there has emerged the splendid vanguard—this Heroes of Socialist Labor. The power and beauty of Socialist economy consist in that in the USSR people never rest content with their achievements, but move ahead, blazing new paths, new roads.

"Innovation in all fields of science and technique—is this truly a sign of our times? The men of progressive science now honored by the title of Hero of Socialist Labor won this distinction precisely because they are innovators in their field, and work for the defense of their country—the most sacred cause of Soviet patriots."

FOUR AIR EXPERTS

The four remaining specialists decorated by the Presidium are all devoted to the sphere of aviation. Nikolai Polikarpov is one of the best representatives of the designers of the old school, and his work dates back to pre-revolutionary years. His talent, however, reached its apex in Soviet times, during the period of experiment and development of Soviet industry. Polikarpov designed a multitude of new and most diverse planes, among them being the Yu-2 plane, still used by Soviet youth in learning the fundamentals of the art of flying, and the famous P-5 plane, which was used in the memorable Chelyuskin rescue.

Soviet sporting and flying planes are inseparably associated with the name of Alexander Yakovlev, whose planes have established over fifteen international records. Yakovlev today combines a leading executive post in the aviation industry with creative work in aviation plane designing.

Vladimir Klimov and Alexander Mikulin have distinguished themselves in designing and building airplane engines which are notable for high power, effectiveness at high altitudes, and low cost of operation. The reputation Soviet airplanes have achieved is in large measure due to the high type engines designed by these two men, now—like the other seven—honored by the title, Hero of Socialist Labor.

In writing of these distinguished Soviet workers, Pravda, organ of the Communist Party of the U.S.S.R., says in part:

"The eleventh week of 'fighting over England' did not result in any major changes in the existing situation. Daylight raids were conducted according to the established method: bombers and fighters operated at a high altitude of 9,000 to 10,000 meters, almost beyond reach of anti-aircraft guns and made the operations of the fighter aircraft of the defense difficult. These tactics facilitated a considerable decline in losses, but simultaneously decreased the effectiveness of the bombing.

The efforts of the German air force, however, are directed at present also at the central part of England and other industrial districts.

The German air force were Liverpools, the second most important port in England, and Birmingham, important industrial center.

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patches from Albania.

Reports of a battle between British and Italian forces on the Greek island of Corfu, off the heel of the Italian boot, were heard in Rome but could not be confirmed in any authoritative quarters.

The Italian High Command, in its communiqué today, announced for the first time that Italian troops were invading Greek territory and said that since dawn Monday the fascist forces had penetrated into Greece at several points.

Greece's southern provinces were formally declared to be in a state of war with Greece today—24 hours after the start of the Italian march.

BRITISH RAID

ITALIAN AIR BASE

LONDON, Oct. 29 (UP)—British naval planes of the Mediterranean fleet were reported tonight to have made a devastating raid on Maltezana, capital of the Island of Stampaia, in the Italian-owned Dodecanese group, the Italian air base nearest to Athens.

An Admiralty communiqué said plants of the fleet air arm hit and damaged seaplanes in their slips at Maltezana, set fire to a hangar and dropped a number of bombs on barracks and an ammunition dump.

Heavy explosions at the latter objective were said to have continued for some time after the raiders left the area.

All of the British planes were said to have returned safely.

TURKEY AND GREECE IN CLOSE CONTACT

ISTANBUL, Turkey, Oct. 29 (UP).—Turkey maintained constant telephone consultations with Greece today.

The exchange of information between Turkey and Greece undoubtedly was an offshoot of the Turkey-Greece treaty signed in 1938 stipulating that in case one of the two fell subject to aggression, the other would use all its efforts to remedy the situation. Furthermore, the treaty held, the parties would undertake to examine the situation together to seek a solution.

The only specific announcements were negative—that Greece had not asked Turkey for aid, and that Turkey had not declared war on Italy.

GERMAN PRESS HAILS INVASION

BERLIN, Oct. 29 (UP).—The German press declared tonight that Germany and Italy are about to move against the "last hangers-on" of Britain's supporters in Europe.

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Greece was characterized in the press as but "another victim of British guarantees."

TOKIO, Oct. 29 (UP).—Tokio newspapers reported today that the government probably would withdraw the "concrete attitude" regarding the Indo-Greek war for the time being but predicted it would offer its full cooperation to its ally, Italy.

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The British forces were said to have pursued the Italians the next day, causing casualties in the enemy ranks. British fighting patrols continued active in the Kassala area, the communiqué said.

PATRAS, Greece, Oct. 29 (UP).—British helmeted troops and police cordoned off the Italian quarter of Patras today to protect the largest Italian colony in Greece from angry throngs after yesterday's mass anti-Italian demonstrations. Military precautions were taken against incidents during mass funerals for victims of yesterday's air raid.

London, Oct. 29 (UP).—A Reuters dispatch today from Vichy reported many persons were killed and injured in an explosion at the Nord Lumière electricity plant at Quai Saint Ouen in Paris.

Many Reported Killed In Paris Power Blast

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Red Army Journal Sees No Major Change in 'Fighting Over England' in 11th Week of Air War

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German Salvagers after a raid by British bombers. Men of the Safety Service removing usable furniture and other household goods from a building which was shattered by bombs dropped by Royal Air Force raiders.

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Mother's Stifled Screams Mark Ceremony in Capital as Son's Number Comes Up First

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In thousands of homes today mothers, sisters, wives and sweethearts wept . . .

The Sun reported that one of those who held number 188 here was Joseph Karachinsky of 504 E. 12th St.

"Dependent on him are two sisters and his mother who must undergo an operation," the Sun reported. Karachinsky is a 22-year-old signaller whose father died just five weeks ago.

Among the other holders of number 188 here was Chong-Chan Yuen, of 18 Pell St., a Chinese-American

laundry operator born in this country. Throughout the city 141 others held this number.

The elaborate ceremony, in which President Roosevelt, who made the Selective Service Act a "must" piece of legislation at this session of Congress, took part, got under way at noon. By nightfall 1,000 numbers had been drawn and the drawing was to continue until the last of the 9,000 capsules had been drawn from the giant goldfish bowl. Volunteers were completing the drawing after the first capsules had been pulled by celebrities.

These numbers each correspond to one person listed by each draft board in the country. The order in which these numbers are drawn determines each prospective draftee's "ORDER NUMBER." Thus, number 188 became Order Number One, and all of the thousands of persons holding this number throughout the country stand theoretically first in line when the local draft boards are called upon to select persons for one year of active training or full five years in the Army or Navy if an "emergency" is declared during the training period.

Similarly, number 192 became Order Number Two and 8,234 became Order Number Three. As a matter of fact, virtually all numbers above 8,000 are meaningless because few numbers above that were assigned by any draft board. In the states of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut the highest number assigned was 6,089 and numbers above that are meaningless in these states.

NOV. 18 THE DATE

What happens next? That's the question which was being most frequently asked yesterday wherever persons gathered to talk about the draft. In brief this is the answer:

The order of the numbers being drawn will determine the order in which the local draft boards will send out questionnaires. This is an elaborate, six-page affair which is intended to assist the local draft board in classifying all registrants for immediate availability or to place them in one of three deferred classifications.

Any additional questions will be asked orally by the draft boards. Then on Nov. 18 the government expects the local boards to be ready to induct 30,000 men into service. Additional calls have been fixed between then and June 15 to call up a total of 800,000 men or 100,000 less than allowed by law for the first year of the draft.

Draft officials have said that they expect local boards to send out about 50 questionnaires each a day. If that schedule holds good, those holding order numbers 1 to 51 will get questionnaires the first day those holding order numbers 51 to 101 the second day and so on.

The people of Brazil are stirring and the Communist Party, in illegality, to be sure, has grown deep roots among the working population of that great country. In an effort to counteract the influence of the Communist Party and to smash a growing popular movement, dictator Getulio Vargas is trying to murder the "Knight of Hope" of Brazil.

The same words are true today. Again "the threat of death" hangs over Prestes. And again Mexican intellectuals and progressives are rallying to the defense of one of America's greatest men, a fighter against the forces of imperialism, the Hero of Independence and Peace.

Berlin Denies Skoda Plant Was Bombed

BERLIN, Oct. 29 (UP).—An official statement tonight denied London claims that RAF planes on Sunday night bombed the Skoda armament works in Pilsen, Czechoslovakia. No bombs were dropped on the Czech protectorate that night, it was stated.

Siamese Planes Over French Indo-China City

HANOI, French Indo-China, Oct. 29 (UP).—Thirty-eight Siamese bombers and fighters yesterday flew over Vien Chan (Vien Tiane), capital of the Laos district of French Indo-China, but dropped no bombs, it was learned here today.

The Siamese planes circled the airfield at Vien Chan three times.

Deny French Bases Given Germany or Italy



Guns Over Seattle: War "games" bring threat close to people as batteries of the 205th Artillery, anti-aircraft, blast away with blanks at low-flying planes simulating an air raid on the city.

Progressive ALP Rejects Willkie But Backs Lewis

Watson and Connolly Endorse Indictment of FDR, But Charge Willkie Stands for Same Things; Say Labor Needs Lewis

The Progressive Committee to Rebuild the American Labor Party announced yesterday that it approved of John L. Lewis' indictment of President Roosevelt, but stated it would not back Wendell L. Willkie whose policies "are equally opposed to the interests of the American people."

Morris Watson, chairman, and Eugene P. Connolly, organization director of the Progressive Committee, in a joint statement said that "the indictment of Roosevelt by John L. Lewis is timely and correct, and we agree that Roosevelt is unworthy of labor's confidence and support."

"But," the statement added, "Wendell L. Willkie stands for the same things. His policies are equally opposed to the interests of the American people. Hence, we cannot accept responsibility for the election of either candidate, and we adhere to our policy of non-endorsement of any Presidential candidate."

SACRIFICED INTERESTS

Watson and Connolly stated they agreed with Lewis' denunciation of President Roosevelt's "war of things."

They asserted that Roosevelt had abandoned a social program for the American people and "has sacrificed the interests of the American people to a war program and has brought the Hillmans and Dubinskys of labor into traitorous partnership in such a program."

Acknowledging the leadership of CIO President Lewis and in stating his continued leadership "in behalf of labor and the people becomes more than ever necessary today," the Progressive Committee stated that the real way out for the American people lies in the building of a national third party of labor and progressives.

STATEMENT

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"Franklin D. Roosevelt wants a war. Franklin D. Roosevelt has only a program of war and words. Deliverance from the incredible and horrible scourges of war with its frightful consequences of death, destruction and desolation is the first need of the American people."

"Deliverance from the grip of America's chief advocate of war is utterly imperative. Roosevelt talks of peace but is marching the American people to war."

"It is a moral and social crime of the first magnitude to fail to point out that Franklin D. Roosevelt does not have the slightest claim on the American people whom he now wishes to plunge into war, and upon whom he seeks to impose a heritage for generations to come of reaction, social and economic slavery."

MORE NECESSARY

"In giving unequalled expression to the discontent of the American people with the betrayal of their cause by Roosevelt, John L. Lewis' leadership in behalf of labor and the people seems more than ever necessary today."

"John L. Lewis has consistently fought to protect and expand a program of social advancement. Roosevelt has abandoned such a program. He has used the FBI to harass honest people and has encouraged congressional committees to intimidate and destroy the rights of people who work for labor and social advance. He has used the anti-trust act to destroy legitimate labor organization. He has encouraged the fight of reaction to destroy the National Labor Relations Act and the right to organize, and is now hampering the operation of the act by withholding appointment of the chairman of the National Labor Relations Board. He has become callously indifferent to the plight of the unemployed. He has handed fat defense contracts to violators

N. Y. CIO Backs Neither Candidate

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"We hold that the prosecution of labor unions and leaders through the misuse of the anti-trust laws; giving full support to the attacks on the Wagner Labor Relations Act and the Wages and Hours Act; the Dies Committee, and support of a general reactionary attack against all the social and economic gains of labor; and permitting widespread destruction of the rights and civil liberties of the American people, is not a program warranting the support of organized labor."

London Branch of Nat'l City Bank Resumes After Bombing

LONDON, Oct. 29 (UP).—The London branch of the National City Bank of New York resumed normal routine today after debris from a recent direct bomb hit had been cleared up.

INTERED MONTREAL

MAYOR CAN'T RUN AGAIN

OTTAWA, Oct. 29 (UP).—The Canadian government tonight forbade Camille Houde, interned Mayor of Montreal, to run for reelection in the December civic elections of that city. It was believed his wife might become a substitute candidate.

SHALL IT BE WAR FOR AMERICA?

Theodore Dreiser Introduces Browder to Radio Audience-- Wants Peace, Will Vote for Browder

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at every fireside. The people are concerned about conscription, about the determination of the rulers of our country to defend the British empire in every quarter of the world—that's what they have a right to vote on. And what do you find? You find that the two major political parties have agreed not to disagree on that matter. They have agreed not to argue or differ on that question of foreign policy or domestic war policy. In fact, they have practically agreed not to disagree about anything at all.

So we are deprived of the right of choice, the right of free debate, the right of a decision in the most important crisis of the nation. But that isn't all. The tycoons of big business don't want us to express ourselves, to express our dissatisfaction with these policies, even through a minority vote. And so you find that they are using every means at their disposal to bar minority parties from the ballot.

I am not a Communist and I don't agree with the entire program of the Communist Party. But I can read and I know that the Communist Party has come out against the war-mongering and war hysteria of the Roosevelt-Willkie partnership. I know that the Communists in their platform have a program for keeping this country out of war—that they attempt to face the problems of our own people, the problems of how to put our people back to work, of how to wipe out the shame of hunger amid plenty, of

how to spread some of the vast wealth of the nation to the people who produce it.

As a result, the Communist Party is being gagged, and the people in 24 states, including the state of New York, are being denied the right to vote the Communist ticket if they so desire. I think it's outrageous for anyone to try to tell you or me that we can't vote for the Communist candidate, or any other candidate we want to vote for. As far as I can see, the only way to vote at all, the only way to express any kind of disapproval of this wholesale robbery of American rights, is to vote a protest vote, to vote for the Communist Party. And that applies whether or not you agree with all the things the Communist Party stands for.

I know the Communist candidate is an honest and able man, and I'm going to vote for Earl Browder on November fifth. I consider it a privilege to introduce him to you tonight. Mr. Browder.

Jack Moore, candidate for Assemblyman in 64th District, Los Angeles, introduced Mr. Dreiser. His remarks follow:

You will now hear Mr. Theodore Dreiser, the great American novelist whose books have deeply influenced the American people and the American scene for the past twenty-five years. Mr. Dreiser speaks as an independent voter and guest of the Communist Party. Mr. Dreiser:

Appeals Court Upholds Ban on Free Elections, Bars New York Communist Party From Ballot

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of 50 signatures.

The Communist Party's canvassers obtained 200 signatures.

The New York State American Legion, which on Oct. 11, made charges of "fraud" which were rejected by the Secretary of State, centered its whole strength on Greene County to take it by storm—with members of its local posts as the storm-troopers.

In short, he has sacrificed the interests of the American people to a war program and has brought the Hillmans and Dubinskys of labor into traitorous partnership in such a program.

Thus the indictment of Roosevelt is timely and correct, and we agree that Roosevelt is unworthy of labor's confidence and support. But Wendell L. Willkie stands for the same things. His policies are equally opposed to the interests of the American people.

Hence, we cannot accept responsibility for the election of either candidate, and we adhere to our policy of non-endorsement of any presidential candidate."

SIGNERS ROUNDED UP

Faced with hunger and ostracism in the small communities, the signers signed "repudiation" statements.

With these "repudiations" notarized as affidavits in its hands, the Legion suddenly issued subpoenas for almost all the signers. Committees of Legionnaires in cars rounded up the signers, brought them to Greene County's courthouse at Catskill, where they were herded under guard to await the holding of the trial.

This was completed even before Justice Murray announced in Albany that he would move court to each to "repudiate, or else."

CATSKILL. Nearly 150 of the signers were put on the stand as witnesses were forced to recite the uniform story that they signed but didn't know what they signed. Under cross-examination evidence was drawn from many that intimidation and threats of job loss was behind the "repudiations" and that in fact many signers did know what they signed.

EVIDENCE BARRED

It is in respect to 154 signatures in Greene County that the two minority judges of the Appellate Division declared yesterday that "a great majority thereof are by common law valid."

The two judges further pointed out that "of the two hundred signatures in Greene County 29 are unquestioned."

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Browder and Ford Speak Sunday at Madison Sq. Garden Election Rally

Thousands to Protest Attack On Free Ballot

Mass Meeting at 7 P. M. to Feature Wind-Up Election Meeting

Freedom-loving residents of New York will rally this Sunday, Nov. 3, to Madison Square Garden to voice their protest against the conspiracy engineered by leading Democratic politicians against the ballot rights of Communist candidates.

At this wind-up election rally sponsored by the Communist state campaign committee, Earl Browder, General Secretary of the Communist Party and Presidential candidate, will point out the road of struggle for peace, jobs and civil rights immediately before and after the 1940 elections.

Additional speakers will include James W. Ford, Vice-Presidential candidate, William Z. Foster, Israel Amter, Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, and the State Young Communist League secretary, John Gates.

The State campaign committee announced yesterday it had completed arrangements for the Tabor Negro choir to participate in the Garden program Sunday night. The committee further announced through its campaign manager, Isidore Begun, that Mordecai Baum, whose recorded songs are popular sellers, will appear in person at the Garden on Sunday to sing working-class ballads. An orchestra of 40 pieces will also participate in the musical part of the program.

The State committee has established three sales centers for tickets, two downtown and one in the Bronx, at the Workers' Bookshop, 80 E. 13th St.; campaign headquarters, 5th floor, 35 E. 12th St.; and at the Workers' Cooperative Colony, 2700 Bronx Park East.

With all indications pointing to a large overflow crowd, the committee advises those planning to attend the Garden rally to purchase their tickets in advance.

Already, groups of Young Communist League members are buying blocks of tickets.

N.Y. State Vote May Approach Seven Million

Record-Breaking Registration Reported by Sec'y of State

ALBANY, Oct. 29 (UP).—A record-breaking total of voters—perhaps 6,960,117—will cast ballots next Tuesday, official registration figures indicated today.

While both Democratic and Republican candidates swung into final phases of the Presidential race, New York election officials were kept busy preparing to handle an increase of more than 600,000 voters over the 1936 figure.

Upstate New York, normally Republican, has 3,571,276 eligible voters, an increase of more than 250,000 over the 1936 tabulation.

Five counties comprising Greater New York, and normally Democratic, will send 3,388,741 voters to the polls, an increase of 400,000 over 1936.

Only seven of the state's 62 counties—Tates, Schuyler, Otsego, Lewis, Allegany, Schoharie and Seneca—showed lower registration figures compared to the 1936 total.

The largest single gain was recorded in Kings County which registered 1,196,279, an increase of slightly more than 180,000 over 1936.

Secretary of State Michael F. Walsh announced that election districts also will be increased. There will be 9,322 districts this year, compared to 8,981 for the 1936 Presidential election.

Upstate New York will use 5,268 districts and Greater New York 4,054.

Registration for 1940 compared to that of 1938, a gubernatorial year, increased slightly more than 1,400,000.

Ham, Egg Group Starts Drive for Vote in 1942

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 29.—Charging that "the Olson oligarchy will not hesitate to kick the constitution of the state out of any nearby window," the Retirement Life Payments Association today announced a renewed drive for petition signatures to get on the 1942 ballot.

The blast came from campaign director Wills Aller after Secretary of State Paul Peck had accepted Los Angeles county registrar of voters William Kerr's amended certificate, voiding 15,000 names on Ham and Eggs petitions.

C.P. State Committee Asks Mass Turnout at Garden Rally

Every meeting held under the auspices of the Communist Party is a political demonstration and the election rally in Madison Square Garden on Nov. 3 must be built into the most powerful demonstration of the election campaign, the New York State Committee of the Communist Party declared yesterday.

The statement, which also called for the completion of fund drive quotas by the time of the meeting, follows:

"The Communist Party is fighting for its right to be on the ballot, its right to free speech, press and assembly. Under these circumstances every meeting held under its auspices becomes a political demonstration of the people's determination to preserve these rights. That is why we said on the occasion of the Royal Windsor rally, 'not the capacity of the hall, but the capacity of the streets must be the measure for attendance.'

"The Madison Square Garden rally must be the greatest of our demonstration meetings. We call on every Party member to attend and to sell tickets to all friends, acquaintances and shopmates.

"We urge also that all fund drive quotas be completed by the time of the rally, and that funds be brought to the State Office no later than Saturday. In this way we can register our Party's influence on the eve of the elections and place the immediate struggles on a financially solvent basis."

NEW YORK STATE COMMITTEE
Israel Amter, Chairman.
Charles Krumbel, Secretary.

Dozen Rallies Today to Hear Communists

Candidates Continue Vigorous Drive in Spite of Attack

(Special to the Daily Worker)

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In a letter to the Arkansas State Committee, the Communist Party here wrote: "County by county we have undertaken to add the votes of Arkansas to our own estimated total by an intensification of our work in the last week of the campaign. In addition to mobilizing all our forces for a final drive to distribute several hundred thousand pieces of campaign literature, we are issuing 70,000 copies of a sample ballot in concentration areas of registered voters.

"We are determined to reflect, through our vote in the State of New Jersey, the growing sentiment of the people against war and reaction." Both of Patterson's opponents—Arthur W. Mitchell, Democratic incumbent; and William E. King, Republican—avoided a joint discussion with Patterson at the symposium Friday night.

RALLIES FOR AMTER

Israel Amter will carry his campaign into Brownsburg tonight by addressing an election mass meeting at the Park Plaza, Pitkin and Saratoga Ave. At 11:15 P.M., he, together with Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, John Gates and Howard Johnson, will participate in a half-hour round-table discussion.

GURLEY FLYNN AT P.S. 65

A major South Bronx election rally tonight at Public School 65, 141st St. and Cypress Ave., will hear Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, who will share the platform with the Bronx YCLU leader, George Watt. Benjamin Stein, Communist organizer in the South Bronx, will preside. This rally is expected to draw a large attendance from the Irish people in this district. Miss Flynn will also speak at 4 P.M. today at a forum at Columbia University.

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Isidore Begun, dynamic State campaign manager and Congressional candidate, together with the Negro leader and State Senatorial candidate, Timothy Holmes, will be principal speakers at an election rally tonight at the Jane Adams Vocational High School, Tinton Ave. and E. 161st St. A rally at Public School 92, Clinton Ave. and 179th St., will also hear Begun as well as the Jewish leader, Morris L. Olken, and Antonio Lombardo, Italian-American and Communist candidate for Congress in the 24th Congressional District.

FIVE RALLIES FOR MINOR

Robert Minor will address five election meetings, including two symposiums, today. At noon he will speak at a symposium in the Little Theatre at Brooklyn College. At 4 P.M., he will participate in a symposium at Hunter College. In the evening, he will speak at an open air rally in the Brighton Beach vicinity, and at two indoor rallies at Arbeidaren Hall, 69th St. and 14th Ave., and at the IWO Center, 8109 Surf Ave., Coney Island.

Together with Mr. Katz, staff member of the Freiheit, Sadie Van Veen will speak tonight at Francis Manor Hall, Alabama and Sutter Aves., East New York.

Mary Hilmor will be the speaker at a women's afternoon campaign tea today, 1:30 P.M., at the Royal Club, 2017 Grand Concourse.

Councilmanic candidate Peter V. Cicchione will be the main speaker at a rally tonight in the Gold Room, Manhattan Center, 311 W. 34th St.

A broadcast addressed to women will take place today over WOV (1100 Kc.) at 3:45 P.M.

Communists of N. J. 'Adopt' Arkansas Vote

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Unionists Rally For Patterson Tomorrow

Communist Candidate in Chicago Spurs Final Drive

(Special to the Daily Worker)

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Patterson campaign committees of steel, tractor, packinghouse, and railroad workers are rallying their shopmates to hear the Communist candidate on "Job, Negro Labor, and the Elections."

Workers and small business men of Croatian, Russian, and Italian descent were also joining hands with Negro workers to elect Patterson following the candidate's pledge to work for repeal of the alien registration act at an election symposium held last Friday.

The Steel Workers Committee for the Election of Patterson, in a mimeographed appeal for the election of Patterson being circulated throughout the district, declared that "if we send Patterson to Congress, we send there a staunch fighter for the protection of our conditions—for peace, jobs, and democracy."

Patterson has pledged himself to work for the cancellation of all national defense contracts awarded by the Bethlehem Steel Corp. and other violators of the Wagner, Labor Relations Act.

Patterson also described the recent appointment of Colonel Benjamin O. Davis, Negro, to the post of Brigadier General as but a "temper sop to the Negro people to ease their resentment toward the setting-up of Jim-crow regiments for their sons conscripted into the army."

Patterson also pledged his full support to the struggle of 400 striking South Side Negro taxi drivers to organize into the CIO Transport Workers Union.

A third and final mass mobilization to canvass the district for Patterson will be held at 3517 Indiana Ave., next Sunday, Nov. 3 at 11 A.M.

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Two Rallies Scheduled by CP in Westchester

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A huge "Lombardo for Congress" rally will take place on Friday, Nov. 1 at TWO Hall in Yonkers under the auspices of the Youth Division of the Campaign Committee. The meeting will feature Mr. Lombardo, and Grant Walker, Negro youth leader of Mamaroneck, as the main speakers.

Garbo Asks Citizenship; Gives Her Age as 35

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Prospective Jurors Admit Press Has Prejudiced Them Against C. P.

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HARRISBURG, Pa., Oct. 29.—Five prospective jurors admitted in court today that after reading about the case in the newspapers their prejudice against members of the Communist Party would prevent them from rendering an impartial verdict in the trial of Max Weiner, Oliver Milton and Stephen G. Zwon for conspiracy, misrepresentation, and false oath in connection with collecting 399 signatures in Dauphin County on Communist Nomination papers. The five jurors were challenged for cause by the defense counsel and excused from jury service by Judge Hargest said, "because when my name was

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(Special to the Daily Worker)

CHICAGO, Oct. 29.—Negro and white trade unionists of the First District will hold a rally for William L. Patterson for Congress Thursday, Oct. 31, at 8 P.M., at 3517 Indiana Ave.

Patterson campaign committees of steel, tractor, packinghouse, and railroad workers are rallying their shopmates to hear the Communist candidate on "Job, Negro Labor, and the Elections."

Workers and small business men of Croatian, Russian, and Italian descent were also joining hands with Negro workers to elect Patterson following the candidate's pledge to work for repeal of the alien registration act at an election symposium held last Friday.

The Steel Workers Committee for the Election of Patterson, in a mimeographed appeal for the election of Patterson being circulated throughout the district, declared that "if we send Patterson to Congress, we send there a staunch fighter for the protection of our conditions—for peace, jobs, and democracy."

Patterson has pledged himself to work for the cancellation of all national defense contracts awarded by the Bethlehem Steel Corp. and other violators of the Wagner, Labor Relations Act.

Patterson also described the recent appointment of Colonel Benjamin O. Davis, Negro, to the post of Brigadier General as but a "temper sop to the Negro people to ease their resentment toward the setting-up of Jim-crow regiments for their sons conscripted into the army."

Patterson also pledged his full support to the struggle of 400 striking South Side Negro taxi drivers to organize into the CIO Transport Workers Union.

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Willkie 'Warns'

On Oct. 29—yesterday—the New York World-Telegram broke forth into the following front-page headline:

WILLKIE WARNS DRAFTEES ON WAR.

On Aug. 17—two months before—Wendell Willkie, in his acceptance speech, endorsed the draft without reservation.

On Sept. 17—when President Roosevelt signed the draft bill—Wendell Willkie acclaimed the conscript measure and stated that it should have been passed "two years before."

Now that conscription is adopted, the Republican candidate makes a big stab at cashing in on the just anxiety of the people over the measure which he helped to put over. At Jackson, Ohio, he "warns" the draftees that "the boys had better get ready to get on some troop transport to go to a foreign war" if President Roosevelt keeps his "pledges" as he kept them in the past.

That Willkie's "pledges" are of the same counterfeit variety as Roosevelt's is made quite clear by his shouting for more aid to Britain than Roosevelt is giving, at the same time that he slobbers about "peace" in the Middle West.

It was such twaddle as this, enunciated by Woodrow Wilson, which deceived the people in 1916. They can profit by their experience.

Health and the Army

The New York Times appears to be shocked by the revelation that nearly one-third of the volunteers who applied for enlistment in the regular army in June, July and August in this area had to be rejected because of serious physical defects.

Says the Times: "Americans have remained strikingly indifferent to their own well-being. Why this should be so is beyond us to divine."

The fact is (and the Times knows it very well) that Americans are not indifferent to their own well-being. But a few Americans—including the wealthy owners of the Times—have remained strikingly indifferent to the well-being of the rest of the nation. They have helped kill all proposals for federal health measures in the name of "economy" and "national unity."

The Times tries to strike a cheery note by pretending that the health of the draftees will be better than among those who tried to enlist in the regular army. That is clearly false. Only those who believe themselves to be in good physical shape even think of enlisting. If one-third of these were in bad health, the percentage among the draftees will be even higher.

This calls for drastic measures to be taken to safeguard the health of the men in the training camps, while a federal health program must be pushed to care for the welfare of the people as a whole.

Thoughts About the World of Tomorrow

Said the newspapers, "The World of Tomorrow came to an end." We don't think so. We think that the World of Tomorrow, the world of whose splendors and peaceful achievement the Fair gave us a colorful glimpse, will come to America as surely as the sun rises.

The millions of Americans who passed through the gates of the Fair and marvelled at the wonders of modern science have in their hearts a question which the corporation owners of the various exhibits could not answer.

That question is—why is it not possible for the American people to enjoy these wonderful things today? Why is it that in the face of this magnificent spectacle of industrial and technological development must America endure a situation in which two-thirds of the nation is ill-clothed, ill-fed and ill-housed? Why must the peoples of the world, whose cooperative efforts produced this advance in science, be plunged today into the horrors of a criminal war in which they cut each other's throats over which power shall control which colony?

It is with such emotions as these, more or less conscious, that the American people went through the World's Fair. The exhibit of the Soviet Pavilion gave them much food for thought, unquestionably, along these lines.

So we say to that World of Tomorrow in which the peoples will live in security, freedom and peace, not "Goodbye," but "Come quickly, for the people dream about you and eagerly await your coming."

Keep to the Kitchen? No!

Women are getting a raw deal under capitalism, and educated women are no exception. A 10-year survey by the Philadelphia Women's University Club divulges the sad news that trained college women are earning only an average of \$28.50 a week.

One would think that after so much time and effort had been expended in this survey—with such startling results—that there would be a clarion call to move forward and remedy this state of affairs.

Such is not the case. Members of the committee which makes the report throw up their hands. With long faces they express "doubt regarding the economic worth of a college education."

Herr Hitler popularized the idea of "keeping to the kitchen and the children" in current life. It is a Hitlerite concept which recommends that women abandon education. The committee's findings should make American women "good and mad." They can begin to make a good fight against the outrageous discrimination which this report discloses.

Was That Right, Mr. President?

President Roosevelt worked very hard in his Madison Square Garden speech to stem the conviction which is growing among millions of people that his policy—just like that of Wendell Willkie's—is not for peace but for war.

"For eight years our main concern has been to look for peace and the preservation of peace," the President said. Then he proceeded to outline a series of minor regulations like restrictions on travel abroad, etc. After mentioning each of these regulations, the President dramatically asked his audience, "Was that right?"

But the people have a series of questions to place to the President on his "concern for peace" during the past eight years:

Mr. President, you and the Republicans with you, put an embargo on loyalist Spain, helped General Franco to power and immediately recognized his bloody accession. Was that right? Was that in the interests of peace?

Mr. President, you and the Republicans with you, have supplied the Japanese militarists with all the scrap iron, oil and munitions they needed to slaughter millions of innocent Chinese people. Was that right? Was that in the interests of peace?

Mr. President, you, with the applause of the Republicans, connived to bring Chamberlain and Hitler together for the Munich betrayal of Czechoslovakia. Was that right? Was that in the interests of peace?

The answer to these questions reveals that the pretensions of either the Democratic or Republican Party to a peace policy, are a fraud. The foreign policy of the Administration and the Republicans helped bring about the war, helped spread it once it began and has dragged the nation step by step toward the holocaust.

The President says he has always helped "little nations." Did he help Spain, Czechoslovakia and China? Today the "little nation" which he is helping, turns out to be the brutal British Empire as it fights with the equally brutal German Empire for the right to exploit Britain's 500,000,000 oppressed subjects throughout the world.

The President's boast about his efforts to arm the nation for its defense, dissolves into thin air in the face of the foreign policy of appeasement that has been practiced in Washington for the past eight years. As Earl Browder has said, armaments without a foreign policy of peace only lead to war and disaster. The squabbles which the Democrats and Republicans may have had on the passage of various naval and army bills during those years, sink into insignificance before the complete unity which both parties displayed on a foreign policy of appeasement and war.

In the same speech, the President boasted about the passage of the Russell-Owen amendment to "draft" industry. This amendment is a cruel sham. Even if it should be enforced in certain instances, it would not call for the slightest sacrifice from the plants affected but, on the contrary, would guarantee them a fat profit. Meanwhile, however, instead of the government extending its control over industry as the President pretended was being done, the leaders of industry are strengthening their grip upon the government—at Roosevelt's personal invitation.

The President sneered at Willkie as a "holding company executive" and pointed proudly to the fact that he and Stettinius and Knudsen—"men experienced in actual production"—are cooperating 100 per cent. But these "men experienced in actual production" are the owners of Willkie's holding company. They are Willkie's bosses. They are the ruthless open-shoppers and robbers of the entire American people.

When Roosevelt boasts that he is "cooperating 100 per cent" with these plunderers of America, he is unwittingly substantiating the fact that today he and Willkie are both servants of Wall Street; that only in Earl Browder and James W. Ford can the people find candidates of peace and of the people.

OF A KIND

—by Gropper



NORMAN THOMAS SOUNDS A NEW WAR SIGNAL

Mr. Norman Thomas this week felt that it was time for him to make himself plain so that no one would get any wrong ideas about him. You see, Mr. Thomas as Socialist candidate for President has been seeking support as a man of peace, as an opponent of the war in Europe.

But this past week an emergency arose. It seems that there has been arising in this country a steadily increasing popular demand for some kind of American-Soviet cooperation for the common benefit of the peoples of these two great powers. This has obviously frightened Mr. Norman Thomas. He has just written an important and significant statement of his position on the whole war issue and on the Soviet Union in particular. (Socialist Call, October 26.) It is a grim, if cagey, confession of where this alleged "peace" candidate really stands. Let us examine it briefly.

Mr. Thomas utters the following basic propositions:

"Perhaps a war between Hitler and Stalin might end eventually in a victory for the Germans and Russians against their dictators. Some day such a war might occur."

This is Norman Thomas' way of saying that he deems that a war between Germany and the Soviet Union would be a fine thing; that such a war should be supported and encouraged by his followers on the fantastic comparison that this war would "liberate" the Soviet masses from socialism and the German masses from fascism. He can twist the aspirations of the masses in so ugly a fashion because he proceeds from the basic premise of world imperialism—the ceaseless attempt to revive a joint anti-Soviet crusade. It is the dream of the most reactionary cliques in every imperialist capital of the world; Norman Thomas makes it the starting point of his major political strategy. In accord with his special role as the "Socialist" salesman of this plan, he dresses it up in an obscene disguise as a "liberation" movement, coupling it with a White Guard slander against the Soviet masses.

Point 2. Following from this initial premise, Norman Thomas then warns the American people that they must have nothing to do with the Soviet Union as an ally in the fight for peace. His reason is as follows: The Soviet government "is, if anything, even more cruel and ruthless than Hitler's."

This is an unmistakable signal; it heralds the Hitler fascist regime in Germany as a "lesser evil" with whom one could unite, if necessary, for a joint attack against the Soviet Union. This is the very soul of the Munich conspiracy; it is the standing philosophy of "appeasement" which burns powerfully in the ruling circles of every imperialist capital in the world. Norman Thomas is preparing the advance ground for such a proposition among the working people of America.

Point 3. As a final warning that America must sabotage every effort to maintain friendly and cooperative relations with the

Soviet Union, Norman Thomas rises to a frenzy: "I can imagine no cause in which I would more unwillingly sacrifice my sons than in an alliance—if it were possible—of capitalist America, the British empire and Stalin's communist imperialism."

In these falsifying and feverish phrases, the real face of Norman Thomas' foreign policy emerges into the day light. He is adapting his position at every point to the brutal anti-Soviet conspiracy of the Munich men such as Bullitt, Hoover, Sumner Welles, Hearst, and Willkie. These forces cherish the plan of "switching and extending the war" into a world crusade against the land of Socialism. It is essential for this war plan that every movement of the American people toward rapprochement with the Soviet Union be strangled before it gets too powerful. Norman Thomas understands this as his special assignment. He is trying now to carry it out; and he does it by echoing the "peace" technique now employed by Wendell Willkie, who also has shown that he knows how to support every war move of the administration while clamoring his claims as a "peace" candidate.

The peace pretenses of this "Socialist" fall to pieces and reveal an unscrupulous ally of the pro-war, anti-Soviet Munichmen in this country. The "peace" that Norman Thomas wants is a "peace" based on a gigantic war plan against the USSR. It is the kind of peace Chamberlain dreamed of so stupidly at Munich in 1938; it is the hope of the imperialists in Washington and London today.

Thus the "left" Norman Thomas meets the "right" Social-Democratic war-mongers of the New Leader in a common platform for war and still more war. Alert workers will have already noticed that Norman Thomas' "opposition" to the war, expressed in "radical" speeches, has not resulted in a single statement of opposition on his part to the fundamentals of the Roosevelt war program, nor in a single move against Roosevelt's war preparations masked as "defense." His anti-Soviet hatred gives the whole show away; for it is impossible to fight for peace effectively in the United States without supporting the move for American-Soviet friendship.

That Norman Thomas should begin again to sell Hitler as a "lesser evil" compared to the Soviet Union shows that the Munich brew is being stirred in very high circles in the United States. It shows how false are the pretensions of the "war against Hitlerism."

It shows, also, how urgent it is that the American people stand up and fight for a true peace policy in Washington, where the present policy is leading the nation down the skids to war.

And how could the people better demonstrate their contempt for this underhanded trickery of Norman Thomas than by a tremendous vote for Earl Browder and James W. Ford, the only peace candidates in the elections?

100 Percent Union

Louis F. Budenz

ST. LOUIS—out on the sluggish Mississippi—is regaining its place in the sun, but not in the manner the Chamber of Commerce would have it.

Labor has now begun to have something to say about the good and welfare of the people of the Missouri metropolis, and it has not done a bad job to date.

The splendid victory of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers' Union in the Century Electric Co. strike is the latest manifestation of what the trade unions have been accomplishing.

Several years ago that aggregation of local Big Guns known as the St. Louis Chamber of Commerce plastered the countryside with billboards, all over the nation, proclaiming St. Louis and vicinity to be "the 47th State."

By a sort of Hoover method of shooting away depression with advertisements, the C. of C. Big Boys hoped in this wise to conjure away the stagnation which the "Big Cinch" and other monopoly pirates had brought on the former Fourth City of the country.

Labor Takes a Hand

Week after week and month after month they bill-boarded, but week after week and month after month their anti-labor eraser wiped out all the blah to which they thus resorted. The great mass of the population were in the low wage brackets and the scandal of their condition only matched the corruption which bound St. Louis over to the railroads and condemned it to slow decay.

Something worthwhile has been happening lately, as labor began to take a hand in the fate of the people. In early August, when the United Automobile Workers' convention was sweltering in that city, the delegates went out en masse two days running to the picket line at the Central Electric Co. plant. A number of them were even sent to the city jug, illustrative of the strong arm methods being employed by the city police to smash the strike.

It was more than nostalgia for the militancy of the battles in Flint and Detroit that had built the auto union which led the delegates to this picketing.

Only the week before, Oscar Buckley, a union man, had been killed in cold blood by a scab. The ferocity of the assault and the callous connivance of the police with the slingers of the company led even the monopoly newspapers of St. Louis to denounce this deed.

AFL and UAW Help

The delegates to the United Auto Workers' convention demonstrated their solidarity with a brother CIO union, under these trying circumstances. But even more striking was the cooperation given by the AFL unions in St. Louis to the Central Electric strikers and their organization.

This is something to be bruted through the whole country. It was LABOR UNITY IN STRUGGLE which won this four-months electric strike.

This is something indeed to be shouted from the rooftops, at the time when Sidney Hillman and William Green are mouthing fine phrases about a "unity" under which they propose to smother struggle and to advance "sacrifice."

Look you, brothers and sisters of the trade unions: Here was a battle in which police, city and state government and slingers for the company were lined up in an intimidating array against the strikers. Here was a war of war in which month passed after month without sign of victory for the union.

But labor as a whole responded to the critical nature of the situation. The lines between AFL and CIO were forgotten in the determination to push through to triumph. The city central body of the AFL had shown a spirit of political independence from the domination of the Greens and the Wolls, and the AFL local unions rallied to the support of the CIO men and women.

NO SURRENDER

Those strikers in turn did not surrender to fear or faintness. They kept aloft the banner of MILITANCY on their picket lines and the general conduct of the strike. From the Central Electric Company today every trade unionist is hereby informed that MILITANCY can win gains at this crucial hour, when speed-up and the freezing of wages are on the Big Business order of the day.

That other sections of St. Louis labor have caught some of this understanding is witnessed in the current general strike of the building trades unions—20,000 strong. The employing interests in this case again hit upon murder as their weapon to beat the unions. They got the surprise of their life, in the general walkout which followed and which is pledged to complete organization of the building trades in the St. Louis area.

In congratulating St. Louis labor, the CIO strikers and their union, we can set it down for the record: LABOR UNITY IN STRUGGLE and MILITANCY can break through for the workers. Let labor everywhere make a note of that.

Letters From Our Readers

Says Ban on C. P. Ballot Rights Incentive to Big Business War Drive

New York, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

The ban on the ballot rights of the Communist Party is definitely an incentive for the Administration and Big Business to head for war. Now, more than ever before, protests, telegrams, letters and demonstrations in all large cities and towns must be the order of the day as an answer by the people.

With Conscription bingo (woe, if you are the lucky one) taking place, WPA appropriations rapidly running out, increased activity by the fascist groups in this country, it is necessary to act for progress and the freedom that the American people have cherished over 150 years.

S. C.

Lauds 'Daily' for Charting Course in Chaotic World

New York, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

As a wage earner I need every cent I earn toward the support of my three children, ailing mother and jobless brother, and yet I feel that I must and I do contribute to the New Masses and Daily Worker.

I liken these mediums to an improved X-ray equipment

